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ONE CARBINE RACK, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD
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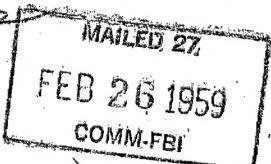
RePittsburghairtel 2/11/59. The identification record of Norman Rothman, FBI Number 152 585B reflects an inquiry from Division 3 of the Bureau at Washington, D. C. on 8/15/52, under the name Norman Rothman, number 64-153. Bufile reflects this inquiry was made at the request of the Legat, Havana, Cuba, whose file number on the subject of American Gambling Interests in Cuba, Foreign Miscellaneous is 64-153. The Legat, Havana, on 8/8/52, forwarded the fingerprint cards of individuals known to be connected with the Sans Souci Night Club in Havana. Among those submitted were the fingerprints of Norman Rothman. Rothman was described as the front man for the San Hannarino Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and the ostensible manager of the Sans Souci. (32-1952-3034, 32-15305-172)

Bufiles reflect that between June 1953 and December 1956, Norman Rothman, FBI #152 585B was considered a Potential Criminal Informant of the Legat at Havana. In December 1956 it was determined that contacts with Rothman had been unproductive and since he had failed to furnish information concerning individuals of interest to the Legat no further attempt was made to develop him as a Criminal Informant. He was considered a general source of criminal information and was contacted on a regular basis. (X)(u)

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The report of SA George H. Davis, Jr., dated 12/26/57, at Miami entitled, "Cesar Augusto Vega Pelegrino, aka, et al., Neutrality Matter," reflects that Vega had in his possession at the time of his being taken into custody a card bearing the name Norman Rothman, Focsa Apts. 19D. For the information of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, on 11/18-19/57, U. S. Customs Border Patrol and ATTU seized "Philomar III" and a large quantity of arms and ammunition and arrested 31 men, including Vega, at Big Pine Key as they appeared ready to depart on the "Philomar III." Some of those arrested admitted they were proceeding on an expedition to fight Batista. The above report should be reviewed closely by the Miami Office for additional information concerning the activities of Vega and his associates for possible use in the bringing of instant case to a successful conclusion.

(2-1474-11)

By letter dated 12/13/57, entitled, "Miami Winter Season, 1957-1958, Criminal Section, Investigative Division," the Miami Office, file number 62-1273, reported information from a Potential Criminal Informant, Herb Rau, that he had seen Norman Rothman, FBI number 152 565B, a former associate of Santo Trafficante, Jr. Rau commented that Rothman was carrying a gun and has two body guards with him at all times. Rau said Rothman told him he made it a policy to carry a gun on all occasions. Rothman advised Rau that he, Rothman, controlled all the slot machines in Cuba with the exception of those in Havana.

(62-75147-29-714)

On page 53 of the report of SA Elmer F. Enrich, dated 11/14/58, at Miami entitled "Activities of Top Hoodlums in the Miami Field Division, Anti Racketeering," information is set forth that Norman Rothman, who is extremely close to Sam and Kelly Mannarino has an ex-wife, Mrs. Ethel Rothman, residing at 525 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida, Miami file 92-77.

(62-9-29-69)

The Bureau files reflect numerous references to Rothman as the manager of the Sans Souci night club and gambling casino in Havana, Cuba. These references reflect that he was the front man for the Mannarino Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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